Dacoit gangs in States

3628. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether even after liquidation of the inter-State forest Brigand Virappan, Government have been receiving reports about operations of dacoit gangs in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and UP etc., including tribal rural and remote areas and towns;

(b) if so, the number and details of innocent villagers and others, including children killed and other incidents of dacoities, lootings and kidnappings reported during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 so far; and

(c) what steps have been taken and what Central aid given to the State Governments concerned to deal with the inter-State and national menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government and is aware of activities of various dacoit gangs including Gadaria gang active in Madhya Pradesh. As per available information details of incidents of kidnapping and abduction/kidnapping and abduction of children and of dacoity during 2002-2004 in the country are as under:—

Kidnapping & Abduction (Total)			Kidnapping & Abduction of Children			Dacoity		
2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
21850	19992	21682*	2322	2571	984*	6101	5303	4818*

*Figures of 2004 are provisional

(c) Maintenance of crime situation and law and order is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial assistance for modernization of the State Police Forces in terms of weaponry, communication, equipment, mobility, training and other infrastructure under the Scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces. Further, intelligence inputs are regularly shared by the central security and intelligence agencies with the State Governments to prevent crime and law and order incidents.